The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"When one or two persons picket the shops, lot of people gather there and there is always a fear of the breach of peace."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I ask whether the hon. Member is aware that, only when the police appear on the scene, a crowd gathers and that, in the absence of the police, there is no crowd at all?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I do not think it is so, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Will Government make inquiries into the matter?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Not necessary, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether there is likely to be a disturbance of peace when only two or three picketers are merely asking the people not to purchase foreign cloth?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Other people who do not like the picketing, gather there, and there is likely to be a breach of the peace."

Mr ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the Government have received any complaint from the people to that effect?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"We get our reports from the District Magistrates who think that such things will lead to breaches of the peace."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I enquire whether the District Magistrate, to whom the hon. the Home Member refers, received any complaint from any part of the public?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"He receives information from officers under him, such as the Superintendent of Police."

Police

Detection of murders in the City of Madras.

*182 Q.—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the number of murders committed in the City of Madras during the last two years;

(b) how many of them have been detected and how many ended in conviction; and

(c) what action has been taken against the officers who have been responsible for the non-detection of the other murders?

A.—(a) Ten cases of murder were reported in 1929 and eight in 1930.

(b) Of the 1929 cases, only one remains undetected. Five ended in conviction, in three cases the murderers committed suicide and in another the accused was acquitted. Of the 1930 cases, five ended in conviction, one in acquittal and in another the murderer committed suicide. One case is still under investigation.

(c) No action was called for.